



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Department is planning to amend WAC 388-412-0015, General information about your food assistance allotments; 388-450-0185, What income deductions does the department allow when determining if I am eligible for food benefits and the amount of my monthly benefits?; 388-450-0190, How does the department figure my shelter cost income deduction for basic food?; 388-450-0195, Does the department use my utility costs when calculating my basic food or WASHCAP benefits?; 388-470-0005, How do resources affect my eligibility for cash assistance and basic food?; and 388-478-0060, What are the income limits and maximum benefit amounts for basic food?; and other related rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Income limits, minimum and maximum benefit amounts, deductions, and resource limits are updated annually by the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, effective October 1, 2021.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should

contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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